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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

WALLACK'S THEATRS, Broadway and IRA street. BROUGHAM'S THEATRE, Twenty-fourth st.-PREFECTION-MUCH ADO ABOUT A MERCHANT OF VENICE. OLYMPIC THEATRE, Broadway .- HUMPTY DUMPTY,

BOWERY THEATRE, Bowery .- THE SEVEN DWARFS; BROADWAY THEATRE, Broadway, SHADOW OF A CRINE RICHELIEU AT SIXTEES.

ROOFO AND JULIER.

NIBLO'S GARDEN, Broadway.—THE BURLESQUE EX-WOOD'S MUSEUM AND THEATRE, Thirtieth street and Broadway.—Afternoon and avaning Parties.

WAVERLEY THEATRE, 720 Broadway.-ELIZE HOLT'S

THEATRE COMIQUE, 514 Broadway.—Comic SERTORES THE TANMANY, Fourteenth street.-THE HORSE MA-

ACADEMY OF MUSIC, Fourteenth street.—ITALIAN GERMAN STADT THEATRE, Nos. 45 and 47 Bowery. DER KORNIG'S LIEUTENANT-EINE PARTIE PIQUET.

MRS. F. B. CONWAY'S PARK THEATRE, Brooklyn. SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS, 585 Broadway.—BTHIO-PIAN ENTERTAINMENTS—SIEGE OF THE BLONDES.

BRYANTS' OPERA HOUSE, Tammany Building, 14th TONY PASTOR'S OPERA HOUSE, 201 Bowery .- COMIC YOUALISM. NEGRO MINSTREAST, &c. NEW YORK CIRCUS, Fourteenth street.—EQUESTRIAN

STEINWAY HALL, Fourteenth street.—THE DAVENPORT HOOLEY'S OPERA HOUSE, Brooklyn.-Booler's

NEW YORK MUSEUM OF ANATOMY, 615 Broadway.-

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THE NEWS.

Europe.

The cable telegrams are dated March 18. Celestino Olozaga, one of the members of the Spanish Constituent Cortes, was killed in a duel on the 17th inst.

A protest, numerously signed by Irish noblemer A protest, numerously signed by Irisa noblemen and landowners against the disestablishment of the Irish Church, has just been published in England. The cotton spinners of Preston are on strike on account of a proposed reduction of their wages. The bill proposing to disestablish the Irish Church was taken up in the British Parliament yesterday for

a second reading. A discussion took place in which Mr. Disraeli participated. The French and Belgian governments are organ-

izing a conference for the discussion of mutual com

Protests against the consecration of Bishop Ma-crarie have been received in England from Cape

It is now stated that the Spanish column advancunder La Torre, at Villa Clars, were also defeated. The insurgents have driven off the parties repairing the Villa Clara and Clenfuegos Railroad, is estimated that it will require a force of 10,000 men to re-establish railroad communication between the two cities. Many women and children from among the insurgents, and General Lesca has issued er that they shall return or be liable to the penalties of military law if captured. It was ru-mored in Havana that Santiago had been captured by an insurgent expedition in concert with the Peruvian ironciads. The Captain General has issued a decree reducing the direct taxes on property, and the war tax fifty per cent, and to compensate for reduction of revenue has increased the export

duties.
Señor Morales Lemus, Minister of the provisional government of Cuba, arrived in this city yesterday, fully empowered to treat with the government for the recognition of Cuban independe

Congress.

In the Senate yesterday another bill was reported to encourage telegraphic communication with Europe. A resolution was adopted directing the Committee on Printing to inquire into the expediency of procuring the reports of proceedings in secret session taken down in his journal by the late Senator McClay, of Pennsylvania. The debate on the repea of the Tenure of Office act was resumed, Mr. Trum-bull announcing at the close that he would press for a vote to-day. Senator Browniow took part in the argument in opposition to the repeal, but being too feeble to make a speech his manuscript was read by the Clerk. The Senate then adjourned.

In the House the Ways and Means Committee re-ported a bill amending the law imposing taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco. A resolution to extend the time for removing disqualified officers in the un worth, of the Reconstruction Committee, and op-posed by Mr. Butler, chairman of the committee. Another interesting discussion ensued, and the House relusing to second the previous question the resolution was recommitted. The resolution relieving the property of Blanton Duncan was amended and passed. The House soon after adjourned.

The Legislature.

Yesterday bills were reported in the State Senate to equalize the salaries of Superintendents of the Poor of Kings county; authorizing the construction of a two-tier railroad in New York, and several of a two-tier railroad in New York, and several others. Bills were introduced relating to the pre-servation of wiid deer, moose and fresh water fan; for the reorganization of the Prospect Park Com-mission. A bill was passed supplying a deficiency in the State Prison appropriations. On motion, the Committee on Internal Adairs was discharged from the further consideration of the oill amending the Metropolitan Excise law. The Senate then ad

In the Assembly a number of members de sired that it be recorded how they would have voted on the question of ratifying the constit tional amendment had they been present Wednes day night. A number of petitions were presented.
Bills were reported for the improvement of Gowanus
canal; amending the health law and several others. Bill weres introduced to discourage contesting for seats in the Legislature by disallowing the expenses of unsuccessful candidates; to repeal the regula-tions concerning brokers; giving the clerk and deputy of the Court of Over and Terminer of New

York each \$2,000 salary, and several others. The

Miscellaneou

In the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly yesterday Mr. Cudilp, the member for St. John, gave notice of a resolution for the appointment of a committee to devise ways and means for securing the annexation of New Brunswick to the United States. The Attorney General objected that the resolution was treasonable, and the House refused to allow it to go on the notice book. It is stated that resolutions for the state of the tions favoring the union with Canada have been in-troduced into both houses of the Newfoundland Le-

The reports of General Custer's capture by the Indians are denied. Trouble has occurred with the friendly Pawnees at Ellsworth, Kansas. Seven of them entered the town some time ago, and three of them were shot and scalped by roughs. Twenty-five of the tribe afterwards came in and demanded the surrender of the roughs under a threat of burning down the town. Soldiers from Fort Harker arrived, however, and the Indians escaped without their

Three men named Darnells, passengers on the Mis issippi steamer Belle of Memphis, recently asked the captain to stop at Island No. 10, as three passengers would get on at that place. He did so, and when the three expected passengers appeared the Darnells shot and killed them all. They then disembarked,

and left without being molested. General Kilpatrick is to return to Chile. General Sheridan and his staff left Washington for

General Spericka and Mr. Sew York last evening.

Ex-President Johnson and his family left Washington yesterday for Greenville, Tenn. They will remain at Lynchburg, Va., to-day, where a receptemain at Lynchburg, Va., to-day, where a receptematic at the latest to-day at the latest to-

A revolt broke out among the convicts at the Sing Sing prison yesterday morning, during which two of the keepers were gagged, one of whom was suffocated. During the day a second attempt to revolt was made, when two of the convicts were shot. Five escaped; but in the afternoon three of them were recaptured.

A keg of gunpowder exploded on a river steame

at San Francisco on Tuesday night while a salute was being fired by a military company and twenty

persons were injured.

The proposed constitutional amendment has been rejected by the Delaware Senate.

The City.

In the Board of Health yesterday testimony was taken in reference to a pig yard nuisance near West Thirty-ninth street and Eleventh avenue. All the witnesses testified that they liked the smell of swine and considered the odor healthy, while one of them stated that he has frequently when fatigue walked among sheep and inhaled the odor arising from them and walked away invigorated and re

The resignation of Captain John S. Young, of the Detective Police, was received by the Police Board yesterday but was not accepted, and the chief clerk was directed to make out charges against him.

The removal of street costructions is still going on and the Street Commissioner intends to prosecute all persons who impede the carriage way with building materials, &c.

A small boat, containing twelve boxes of nitro givcerine, was discovered under a wharf at the foo of Whitehall street yesterday—enough, it is said, to blow the lower portion of this city and Brooklyn to atoms. The stuff was taken beyond the city limits

by the Harbor police.

In the case of the ship Kate Dyer vs. the steame Scotland, brought to recover the value of the Dyer and her cargo, amounting to \$250,000, lost by collision with the Scotland in September, 1866, Judge Bene-dict, of the District Court of Brooklyn in Admiralty, rendered a decision yesterday for the libeliants, with

damages.

A young man, named Edward Lingham, was brought before Justice Dodge yesterday by Pian, the restaurateur, who charged him with refusing to pay for a pancake and a cup of coffee that he had called for and eaten on the plea that he was "broke." Mr. Pfaft's representative stated that a great number of persons, particularly those called "Bohemians," come to his place and obtain their meals just as the prisoner did, and he wanted to have the thing stopped. The prisoner was commit-

ed. Charles A. Allen was up before Judge Dodge yes terday on a charge of burgiary, to which he pleaded guilty. He stated that he was very hard up at the time, had no money, was crippled with rheumatism and hungry, and was driven to commit the act. He was held for trial in default of \$2,500 ball.

The stock market yesterday was dull and irregular. Gold was weak, closing finally at 130%. Government bonds were higher under large purchase by the foreign bankers. Foreign exchange was

demoralized, with rates only nominal.

The Inman line steamship City of Baltimore, Captain Leitch, will leave pier No. 45 North river at eleven o'clock to-morrow (Saturday) morning for

queenstown and Liverpool. The mails for Europe will close at the Post Office at nine A. M., 20th inst. The steamship Erin, Captain Webster, of the Na-tional line, will sail from pier 47 North river at nine A. M. on Saturday for Liverpool, calling at Queens-

town to land passengers.

The Anchor line steamship Iows, Captain Hedderwick, will leave pier 20 North river at tweive M. tomorrow for Glasgow, calling at Londonderry.

The French steamship Pereire, Captain Duchesne, will leave pier 50 North river to-morrow morning for Brest and Havre. The mails for France will

close at the Post Office at eight A. M. 20th inst. The Merchants' line steamship General Grant, Captain Quick, will be despatched at three P. M. to-morrow (Saturday) from pier No. 12 North river for New Orleans direct.

Governor R. M. Patton, of Alabama, is at the S

Nicholas Hotel. General Robert McKibbon, Captain W. E. Van Reed and D. H. Kenzie, of the United States Army;

Thomas Sharp, of Kansas; James Warner, of Mas sachusetts; Jonas Clark, of Vermont, and C. J. Willey, of San Francisco, are at the Metropolitar Captain Baldwin, of Baltimore; Z. Allen, of Provi

dence: John M. Chapin, of Mussachusetts, and Mr. Dessaulles, of Montreal, are at the Brevoort House. Commodore W. Porter, of the United States Navy; ex-Postmaster General A. W. Randall, of Washing-ton; Governor Coney, of Maine; Captain G. B. Raymond, of Philadelphia, and Colonel Emerson, of the United States Army, are at the Astor House.

James K. Duke, of Kentucky; C. B. Wells, of Georgetown, Ky., and George H. Davis, of Ohio, are at the Maltby House.

B. Danzas, of the Russian Legation, is at the

Clarendon Hotel. Captain Ramsay and Captain Ness, of the British Army, Bermuda; B. Buffum. of Rhode Island, and D. C. Littleiohn, of Buffalo, are at the Fifth Avenue

Colonel Charles H. Graham, of the United States Army; W. C. Watson, of Philadelphia; G. A. Van Allen and W. Lee, Jr., of Albany, and Dr. Foster, of Burlington, Vt., are at the Hoffman House.

Prominent Departures.

Colonel Lee left yesterday for Boston, ex-Governor Gibbs for Newport, R. D. Starkweather for Troy, and

No Sop for Connecticut until after the April election. EXPENSIVE IMPROVEMENT.-General Sher

nan wants to get the officers out of Washington, which is admirable; but when it is found that a few days' longer stay of one is necessary to dispose of government property to the value of two hundred thousand dollars he says that the officer must go and the property "burn." But is not this a kind of reform worse than no reform? What do we want of reform in the army but for economy, and what kind of economy is it to spend two hundred thousand dollars to get an officer out of Washington? Go ahead, General; keep your earnestness fresh against abuses; but if you cannot enforce your will more cheaply than this, and with judicious reserves, you are not the strong man we thought you.

United States.

We have information of the arrival in this city of Señor Morales Lemus as an ambassador from the provisional government in Cuba to the government of the United States. His object is to obtain the recognition by this government of the revolutionary proceedings in Cuba. Whatever may be done in Washington regarding the reception of this Minister from Cespedes, it will not be uninteresting to our people to recall occurrences that have bearing upon a positive event like this.

The Spaniards and Spanish organs have all along proclaimed that the insurrection in Cuba was a trifling affair and would soon be suppressed, and, according to the accounts we have been receiving through Spanish sources at Havana, the Cubans have been defeated with terrible slaughter over and over again. Strange to say, during all this time the insurrection has been gaining strength and spreading further and wider. By the telegram from Havana which we publish to-day in another column it will be seen that the capture of Mayari, recently reported on official authority in Havana, turns out to be a defeat of the Spanish troops, and that they were falling back on Santiago with their wounded commander. From Villa Clara, too, where we have been so repeatedly informed of the defeat of the insurgents, we now learn from a returned Spanish volunteer that Colonel La Torre was defeated on the 3d inst., and that the insurrection there was so strong that ten thousand men would be required to open the railroad to the coast. In connection with this fact we have the singular general order from Colonel Lasca, who had recently got into Puerto Principe, that all the women and children who had gone out to afford aid and comfort to their friends in the field must return to that besieged and hungry city or be subject to

military law if captured. The truth is, nearly all the first reports of events received from Cuba are manufactured or garbled by the Spaniards to bolster up their cause and declining power. We cannot rely upon them. We can only judge of the state of things on the island by general facts. Well, what are these? We see that a little cloud, no bigger than a man's hand a few months ago, has developed into a general storm. From a few insurrectionists under the lead of Cespedes in a remote and sparsely settled corner of Cuba organized revolt has spread over the greater part of the island. The whole native population is profoundly moved. The rich and young men have staked their lives and fortunes in this struggle for independence. The horrors of execution, of Spanish cruelty or of penal exile to Fernando Po do not check the movement, but rather inflame and give impulse to it. The more the Spanish forces have been increased the wider has the insurrection spread and the stronger it has become. For every Cuban slain a dozen spring up in his place. The war resources of the insurgents are increasing daily. Arms, ammunition and artillery of the most effective kind are pouring into the island. The chances of success improve daily, and, from present appearances, the despotic rule of Spain over Cuba is doomed, the end thereof being only a question of time and circum-

The most important news received is that the insurgent authorities in the Central Department have decreed the abolition of slavery. The freed negroes may either enter the patrio army or remain to cultivate the soil. Doubtless many will take up arms; but in any case this act of the insurgents will strengthen their cause. It is a wise measure; for, whatever might happen, slavery was doomed, and it will have the effect of rallying public opinion in the United States in favor of Cuban independence. But the best effect will be seen, undoubtedly, upon the negroes themselves. Their worst nasters have been the Spanlards, and the negroes will remember that. They will join those who have given them freedom. Besides, however ignorant they may be, they have sense enough to know that their interests and future welfare are identified with those of the native Cubans, and not with those of the Spaniards. They must be aware that the Spaniards are foreigners, who, like leeches, fatten upon their industry and the wealth of the island-who have, in fact, no abiding interest in them or their country. It is probable we may soon hear of the negroes becoming an important element in this war for independence.

Under these circumstances what should be the policy of our government with regard to Cuba? No people in the world struggling for independence from despotism have ever failed to meet with sympathy from this country. The Hungarians, the Poles, the Italians and all others have met with it. This country represents the liberal and republican ideas the age and world, and all nations regard it as the hope of the oppressed everywhere. But Cuba has special claims upon us. The Cubans are our neighbors, are Americans, and belong to the American system. The colonial governments of Europe are exotics on this Continent, and ought to be uprooted. The policy which favored and recognized the independence of the former colonies of Spain in America and which laid down the Monroe doctrine of no more European conquests or colonization, now requires a fresh and extended application. The remaining European possessions on this Continent have always been a source of trouble to all, and have cramped our trade and made us second only where we ought to have been first in commercial intercourse. We owe nothing to Spain nor to any of the European Powers. In the Mexican affair and during our civil war Spain and some of the other Powers were hostile to this republic and hoped to see it destroyed. They claimed to have monarchical interests in America, and, acting upon that claim, they acted to our great detriment and without any regard to our position as a friendly Power.

Our interest lies in the severance of all European and monarchical connections with America. No opportunity should be lost of bringing that about. All the sympathy and aid we can fairly give the Cubans should be given, and the government should lose no time in authorizing the President to recognize their belligerent rights whenever in his judgment it may be proper to do so, and, as soon as a regular government is established, their independence. Such a course is demanded by sound policy and the highest statesman-ship. With Cubs independent or annexed

to the United States the productive wealth and our trade with that island would be immense. Then we ought to save that beautiful and rich country from the horrors and devastation which now threaten it. To permit the scenes and fate of another St. Domingo on our border would be an eternal disgrace to the United States. In every point of view, then-on high political grounds, for the interest of our commerce, and for the sake of humanity, the government and people of this republic should favor by every means the ndependence of Cubs, and we are glad to learn that by the arrival of an ambassador preliminary from the Cuban 'provisional government the objects above expressed are likely to be realized.

The James Foster, Jr.

The ill-fated ship James Foster, Jr., now lies on the New York side, close to Fulton ferry, so close that thousands who, during the last few days, have had occasion to cross have seen the hated name. The James Foster, Jr., cannot too soon cease to exist. The name can never again be mentioned with respect. The atrocities with which her name must be lastingly associated can never be either forgotten or forgiven. When no public press existed. when the tyranny which pirates took pleasure in exercising was common, the James Foster, Jr., might have got along well enough; but we are now too far advanced in the nineteenth century to have any patience with tyranny and brutality and murder, even on board ship, where a captain is supposed to be above all law. We are sorry to learn that Captain Armstrong is no more. We never take any pleasure in pursuing the dead. It is always our wish to say of the dead, "Let them rest in peace." Sometimes, however, public interests are so strong that individual interests must be held subordinate. The case of the James Foster, Jr., is just such a case. Mr. Charles H. Marshall has issued a circular, in which he uses the old argument that because a man is gone and therefore unable to speak for himself we ought to be silent. We are willing to be reasonable. We shall pronounce no more harsh judgments until we have further evidence. But further evidence we must have. The cantain's death must not be allowed to affect the course of justice. The investigation must go on as if nothing of the kind had happened. If the officers are found guiltless, by all means let them be acquitted. Let them have the full benefit. If, however, they are found to have been guilty, let no maudlin sentimentality be allowed to come in the way. On Wednesday next we shall expect to learn that the investigation has gone on, nothing affected by the death of Captain Armstrong.

South American Diplomacy. There is considerable excitement in South America over the Paraguayan question. Brazil has seized upon Asuncion, has sacked it and now holds it probably as a base of operations for future warlike work in the direction of the interior of Paraguay. Lopez, with a small army, is still defiant. It appears, however, that there is trouble brewing between the allies themselves, and that the Brazilian Minister of Foreign Affairs has been sent to Buenos Ayres with a view of arranging a peace. In the meantime Chile is anxious over this question and has appealed through the press to Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador to assist in putting an end to a war which threatens to overthrow one of the American republics. What the empire will do now, that it has the river line of western Paraguay, is very uncertain. Dom Pedro desires to prosecute the war until its objects are accomplished; but the empire is sadly exhausted by the struggle, and the threatened complications on the Plata with the Argentine Republic bode no good to the imperial desire to control the great valley to

the southwest of them. THE IRISH CHURCH DISESTABLISHMENT BILL.—By cable telegram from London, dated March 18, we learn that the Irish Church Disestablishment bill came up yesterday in Parliament on its second reading. Mr. Disraeli delivered a speech, taking, of course, the opposition view. He was followed by the member from Galway (Mr. Gregory), who taxed Disraeli with inconsistency. It seems to have been a smart debute; but no final vote was reached.

THE GREAT QUESTIONS AMONG OUR NEW YORK SPOILSMEN.-Who is to be our Collector? Who is ahead? What does General Grant say? What does Boutwell think? Is Greeley for Dana and Dana for Greeley, or is each fooling the other? Has Walbridge any chance? What wire is Fenton pulling? Has he made up a slate with Conkling or without him? Is Morgan of any account, or how? And where is Thurlow Weed?

A REVOLT IN SING SING STATE PRISON .-We publish full accounts of a revolt yesterday in Sing Sing State Prison. It appears that certain prisoners concocted a plan to escape and executed it at the expense of the life of faithful officer. Several of the escaped convicts were rearrested and are now properly cared for. How did this revolt occur? By what laxity of discipline were these prisoners permitted to escape? These are questions which must be answered by the State Prison Inspectors themselves, and the Legislature should bring them personally to account. The names of the Inspectors are David B. McNeil, Solomon Scheu and John Hammond. WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN A PRACTICAL FORM

In giving them a share of the spoils. General Grant has already appointed two or three postmistresses. A Miss Elizabeth Van Lew, "for important services rendered the Union army during the rebellion," is handsomely rewarded with the snug berth of the Post Office of Richmond. Va. This is an important recognition of women's services and women's rights from the new administration. The ballot for the women is a myth; but a good fat office is substantial bread and butter, and silk dresses, and rings and bracelets, and, peradventure, good husband. In the matter of suffrage the niggers (males above the age of twenty-one) are shead of the women; but in the matter of the federal spoils the women have those cashpaying rights which the niggers so far have vainly aspired to reach. The revolutionary junta of women and the Sorosis of this city, in behalf of women's rights, ought to be satisfied to "fight it out on this line" upon the established maxim that a fat office is better than a lean ballot

The Georgia Difficulty in Congress-No-

Mr. Trumbull, from the Judiciary Committee of the Senate, has reported a bill with a pre-Legislature, in disregard of the fourteenth amendment of the constitution, has refused to purge itself of members (rebels) ineligible under said amendment; and whereas a majority of said Legislature has expelled a number of members legally qualified, upon the sole ground that they were persons of African blood; and whereas the local authorities of said State are wholly unwilling or unable to protect the lives, liberties and property of lawful and unoffending citizens from violence, therefore, "be it enacted," &c., that so much of the act of July 25, 1868, as restores Georgia to the rights and dignities of a State be repealed, and that the late military government over Georgia be revived; that meantime the present State government shall be considered as provisional only; that the expulsion of the negro members from the Legislature is null and void, and that they shall be restored; and that it shall be the duty of the President to use such of the land and naval forces of the United States as may be necessary to carry out this

Now, it has been supposed that with the restoration of a rebel State to Congress nothing further could be done with it by Congress in reference to its local affairs—that Georgia for instance, in being restored is all right again, like New York or New Jersey. It now appears, however, that this is all a mistake. The fourteenth amendment of the constitution, among other things, provides for equal civil rights to citizens of all colors, and that certain political disabilities shall fall upon certain classes of men guilty of rebellion. The amendment further provides that Congress shall have power to enforce all these provisions by appropriate legislation. Hence this bill from the Senate Judiciary Committee in reference to Georgia. But is this proposed legislation appropriate? The answer rests with Congress. Nor is this power and discretion limited to the late rebel States: for, as the constitution applies to all the States and Territories, &c., the law may be applied to New York or New Jersey, as well as to Georgia or Louisiana, for a disregard of amendment fourteen.

For example, the Senate Judiciary Committee report a bill declaring that under said amendment the expulsion of the negro members from the Georgia Legislature is null and void and that those expelled blacks must be restored to their seats. Let this bill become a law for Georgia and we shall have a rule established for New York and all the other States-the rule of equal rights to hold office to citizens regardless of color. This is the Georgia question now before the Senate.

THE DANGER OF THE STREETS. -In one evening three persons were run over and killed by the street cars in this city and in Brooklyn. Two were killed by horse cars and one by a dummy. So that steam in the streets is clearly not worse than horses. In Brooklyn the car ran over a boy, cut him in two and went on. The body was found some time after, and the number of the car is not known. Some passenger must remember that peculiar jolt and the scream of that boy.

POPULAR DELUSIONS. - People have a notion that things happen-that murders are committed, for instance; that a shipload of passengers are cruelly treated; that rogues thrive in office, &c. All a mistake; not so at all! The "friends of the accused" publish a statement, and we perceive at once that there is no reality in the charges against any one, and that nothing happens. In short, that there is some ingenious person who invents everything and deludes all the reporters. Who is this fellow?

Butler is the most useful man in Congress. He rips up queer topics every now and then, and his utter indifference as to whether there is a row or not prevents his holding his tongue for fear of the consequences. He has just let the light in on a little known phase of legislation. It would appear that when a bill has gone through the hands of Senate and House it is a rather defaced document, with interlineations, and blots and what not. In this somewha illegible condition it goes to an engrossing clerk, who copies it out to the best of his ability, "making sense" as he can, poor fellow! Some clauses it would appear he may possibly drop, and there seems a certain likelihood that if it were to the interest of the whiskey ringabout a hundred thousand dollars—that he hould not see a certain clause, he might be blind as to that clause—yea, though it were underlined to make it conspicuous. Of course the senses are fallible. By this process it appears that there has been dropped somewhere clause that modifies a certain law so as to rob the government of one million and a half dollars and give it to the whiskey men. It is a startling fact that when Butler opened this ubject, not mentioned before in public, the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee seemed to be in possession of all the points of argument against him. He knew all about it.

A MODERN LADY MACRETH. - We find in the Easton (Pa.) Argus-a reliable paper-a report of an interview which the editor, in company with the spiritual adviser of the condemned Twitchell, had with the latter in his cell in Moyamensing Prison. It is a remarkable statement, and, bearing as it does upon its face the impress of truth, it would not be strange if it had some effect upon the final catastrophe. The remark of Mrs. Twitchell to the clergyman-"By the way, when you see George (her condemned husband) please ask him where he would like to be buried after he is hanged"-is without parallel for nonchalance in the speeches of Shakspeare's most sanguin-

DEAD .- The captain of the James Foster, Jr., we cannot but believe, has paid the heavy penalty of his life for his own dereliction of duty. He has died of the fever he caught from the passengers—that dreadful "ship fever," that is never found on well managed vessels where the emigrants are treated with fair humanity and where there are proper hygienic regulations, and that infallibly is found on ships where there is a default of these, and where privation and barbarity combine to make the

Proposed Amendment to the State Railroad Law.

There seems to be a decided movement in

the Legislature at Albany to amend the railroad law of the State, with a view to prevent the improper issue of stock and scrip by railroad companies, to protect bona fide stockholders and to secure better and more bonest management of railroads. The committee to which was referred this matter has presented a report, and several members have proposed amendments to the law. These amen differ in some respects, but all aim at the same object. One, offered by Mr. Parker, prohibits the issue of any stock with the intent, directly or indirectly, to affect the market price of the bonds or stock of a company for speculative purposes. Another, proposed by Messrs. Gra-ham and Genet, forbids the issue of scrip or stock without the consent of the Legislature. Still another, by Messrs. Campbell and Morgan, proposes to limit the power of the presidents and directors of railroad companies, to prevent the issue of stock beyond the amount authorized by the charter and to make the action of the stockholders necessary in all cases where the stock is increased. There is no subject on which the Legislature can be better employed, and we hope it will be well considered and such amendments made to the railroad law as to prevent stockholders and the public being swindled in the way they have been by unscrupulous directors and stock gamblers. At present the managers and directors of railroads can inflate their stock with impunity and thus tax the public by high rates for passage and freight to pay dividends on a fictitious capital. It is a tax on the whole community. The people are made to pay rates corresponding to a capital of sixty millions when the actual cost of a railroad has not been more than twenty millions. Besides, the majority of the stockholders or the purchasers of the stock are often swindled to enrich a few of the directors or the managers. We have had recent examples of this. Every man, woman and child in the community is affected directly or indirectly by such a railroad tax. No tax is more general. The time has come when the public must be protected against unscrupulous railroad managers and stock gamblers. The Legislature should pass at once a stringent and comprehensive law on the subject.

The Daries Canal Treaty.

The Senate of the United States has now under consideration the treaty recently negotiated by Mr. Cushing, in Bogota, with the republic of Colombia for the protection of any company that may undertake the construction of a ship canal across the Isthmus of Darien. The subject is one of immediate and permanent interest to the commerce of the world, and particularly so to that of the United States. With the immense empire and trade which we are rapidly building up on the Pacific shore and ocean we require a shorter water route from the Atlantic than that offered by Cape Horn, and this is to be obtained only by cutting the isthmus. Unfortunately this bar to the marriage of the coasting trade between our Atlantic and Pacific ports lies within the territory of a foreign Power, and hence the necessity of a treaty which shall offer protection to the great sums which are requisite for the construction of the work and the vast commerce which will seek its facilities when completed.

Inasmuch as fully nine-tenths of the trade which will seek this line of water transit between the two oceans will be the domestic trade of the United States it behooves the Senate to guard against the concer foreign Power of a permanent and irredeemable tax upon our commerce for all time to come. There is no claim so repugnant to the common sense of justice which pervades mankind as the old feudal claim of the right ground of territorial sovereignty. This claim should be and has been rejected by the great mass of modern publicists, though it was unfortunately recognized by ourselves, in the case of the concession by the New Granadan government, for the construction of the Panama Railroad. No wise jurist will advocate such a claim, and no true statesman will concede it.

This principle has been conceded in the recent treaty with Colombia, and a permanent tax consented to in behalf of that government equal to an increase of one-third of the tolls which the capitalists constructing the canal may find it necessary to exact to reimburse them for their outlay. In return for this gratuity the government of Colombia neither expends one dollar towards the work nor offers it the slighest protection when constructed. It does not even give a map or survey of any kind of that portion of its territory which the canal is to cover. The survey is to be undertaken at our cost; we are to fight the native savages whom the Colombian government has not been able to subdue: our citizens are to find the money to construct the canal, and our government is to provide troops and ships to protect it while building and ever afterwards. In view of these facts we claim that, in common justice to ourselves, the Senate should strike out of the Darien Canal treaty every clause which gives to the Colombian govern-ment any interest in the benefits of the work except such as may accrue to it from the alternate sections of land along the line of the canal.

Poor Man's Plaster-Schenck's strengthening bill.

THE DIFFERENCE. - A city paper criticises the wearers of the green on their taste, saying :- "The highest notion of decoration that our Irish fellow citizens have attained to thus far would seem to be a green velvet shoulder belt, with gold fringe, over a black broadcloth coat, both coat and shoulder belt considerably the worse for wear." Just so. But when fifty thousand men at length find themselves at home in a city where they can get broadcloth coats and wear green belts what is more natural than that they should indulge a long repressed fancy for such attire, and even deem it the most beautiful ever seen. "Sure, a

gintleman is known by his cloth!" THE LITTLE AFFAIR IN NEW BRUNSWICK .-Our despatches from New Brunswick, British territory, inform us that a motion made in the Legislature of that province in favor of annexpassage of the emigrant to our shores the ation to the United States was denounced as most dreadful ordeal that human creatures go | treason. Don't be in a hurry. Wait a little